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drying said recording layer by rotating said substrate at a high speed and allowing clean air to flow toward said recording layer formed on said substrate, wherein:

an intake for introducing said clean air is narrowed by putting a lid having an opening at least at a central portion, on said intake for introducing said clean air.

4. (amended) The method for producing said information-recording medium according to claim 2, wherein said opening is formed to have a wedge-shaped configuration.

5. (amended) The method for producing said information-recording medium according to claim 2, wherein said opening is formed to have a substantially rhombic configuration.

6. (amended) The method for producing said information-recording medium according to claim 2, wherein said lid has a first opening which has a large diameter disposed at a central portion, and it has a plurality of second openings which have diameters gradually decreased for those disposed in a direction toward an outer circumference in which a central angle resides in a spacing distance of not less than 10°.

7. (amended) The method for producing said information-recording medium according to claim 2, wherein said lid is formed to have a substantially conical configuration which has a diameter continuously decreased downwardly, and it has an opening at a central portion.

8. (amended) The method for producing said information-recording medium according to claim 2, wherein said lid has an opening at a central portion, and it has a plurality of

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fins which are formed at a lower surface in which a central angle resides in a spacing distance of not less than 10°.